

**SYSTEM AND ASSEMBLY HAVING CONDUCTIVE
FIXATION FEATURES**

Abstract of the Disclosure

- 5 A lead having a distal end electrode assembly adapted for implantation on or
about the heart or within a vein and for connection to a system for monitoring or
stimulating cardiac activity. The electrode assembly includes conductive fixation
features, such as conductive tines or flexible members, in combination with non-
conductive fixation features. The conductive fixation features also include tines
10 coated with a conductive material. The fixation features further include conductive
tines which are retractable. A defibrillation coil is optionally disposed at the distal
end of the lead in combination with the conductive tines.

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV019094614US

Date of Deposit: January 22, 2002

This paper or fee is being deposited on the date indicated above with the United
States Postal Service pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10, and is addressed to the
Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, D.C. 20231.